

REGION 6 EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

TOPIC: Arkwood, Inc. Superfund Site

DATE: June 4, 2015

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PURPOSE/ACTION NEEDED: For Information

DEADLINE DATE: N/A

BACKGROUND:

- 18-acre former wood treater site contaminated with:
 - Dioxin,
 - Pentachlorophenol (PCP)
 - Polynuclear aromatic hydrocarbons
- The 1990 Record of Decision remedy:
 - Soil cleanup to industrial land use via excavation, incineration, and a minimum 6" cover
 - Groundwater cleanup to Arkansas water quality standards
 - Institutional controls include deed restrictions prohibiting digging below 6' or notify regulatory agency for permission and only appropriate for industrial use, no wells, etc.

CURRENT STATUS:

- Dioxin re-evaluation by Potentially Responsible Party with EPA and ADEQ oversight
 - Previous soil cleanup completed in 1995
 - New national dioxin goals in 2012
- 1995 dioxin cleaned up to 20,000 parts /trillion. Backfill cap will help potential impacts of new dioxin standards when the property is next sampled.
- Groundwater cleanup is ongoing

ENVIRONMENTAL/PUBLIC HEALTH CONCERNS:

- Remedy of removal and covering (backfill) implemented in 1995 is protective.
- Arkansas Department of Health is working with ATSDR to update public health assessment. The assessment report is expected in 2016.

TECHNICAL CONCERNS:

- None at this time.

REGULATORY/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS:

- PRP McKesson (prior owner/operator) has filed a complaint against PRP Curt "Bud" Grisham, Sr. (current landowner and father of Curt Grisham) in Federal District Court. McKesson's complaint alleges violations of a private settlement agreement between the two parties. EPA is not a party in the private settlement agreement or a party to the federal civil action involving the PRPs.

COMMUNITY CONCERNS:

- It is the opinion of the EPA that the landowner's son (Curt Grisham) represents the interests of the landowner PRP in communications with the Region. Curt Grisham has expressed concerns to EPA HQ, Region, IG and ADEQ that involve: water reuse and the belief that the site is improperly listed. He believes the Dioxin reevaluation is not necessary. Early concerns involved the belief that EPA's FOIA responses were inadequate and the opinion that partial delisting of

the site should proceed to allow for productive uses of the site.

- Curt Grisham contacted AR Congressman Steve Womack. Congressman Womack replied that he agrees EPA has answered Mr. Grisham's questions fully and accurately.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

- Continue to work with PRP McKesson and ADEQ on dioxin re-evaluation, with transmittals of site status reports to Mr. Curt Grisham.

